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SUBJ: CIVAIR: SATURN AIRWAYS OVERFLIGHT REQUEST

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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL SATURN AIRWAYS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT SHIRAZ-BELFAST FLIGHT CANCELLED. NEVERTHELESS, ACTING ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA COUNSELOR IL'YIN SEPT 30 TO DISCUSS BOTH OVERFLIGHT AND SOVIET ESCORT CREW QUESTIONS.

2. RE OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES, EMBOFFS NOTED THAT WORLD AIRWAYS OVERFLIGHT REQUEST FOR BRUSSELS-HONG KONG FLIGHT (TRANSMITTED TO MFA BY EMBASSY NOTE OF AUGUST 21, 1974) WAS REFUSED. REFERRING TO US PERMISSION FOR AEROFLOT MOSCOW-VANCOUVER/MOSCOW FLIGHTS AUGUST 27, 30 TO OVERFLY US TERRITORY, WE STATED THAT PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY SHOULD APPLY AND REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF SOVIET POSITOON ON THIS QUESTION.

3. CONCERNING SOVIET ESCORT CREWS ON US HCARTER FLIGHTS TO USSR, EMBOFFS GAVE IL'YIN COPY OF DEPARTMENT'S APRIL 26 NOTE TO SOVIET EMBASSY, COMMENTED THAT IT REMAINED UNANSWERED, AND ASKED FOR SOVIET VIEW ON MATTER (STRESSING AGAIN RECIPROCITY PRINCIPLE).

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EMBOFFS FURTHER EMPHASIZED DESIRE OF WORLD AIRWAYS TO OPERATE OCTOBER 16, 23 IN-OUT CHARTER FROM ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, WITHOUT

ESCORT CREW.

4. IL'YIN SAID HE WILL TRANSMIT THESE CONCERNS TO "APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES" AND PROMISED PROMPT REPLY TO EMBASSY.
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